

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Criminal No.  
03-10361-RWZ

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOHN MELO, ET AL.

ORDER AND  
INITIAL STATUS REPORT

March 25, 2004

COHEN, M.J.

An Initial Status Conference was held before this court on Thursday, March 25, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Local Rule 116.5(A). Based on that conference, this court enters the following report and/orders, to wit:

1. Discovery is complete;
2. The defendants requested additional time within which to file dispositive motions. That request was allowed, directing defendants to file any and all motions on or before the close of business, May 18, 2004, subject to the excludable time order set forth below;
3. In this court's view, this is not a case involving usual or complex issues for

which an early joint conference of the district judge and the magistrate with counsel of record would be useful;

4. In this court's view, this is not a case involving features which would warrant special attention or modification of the standard schedule;
5. This court finds and concludes, pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. B3161(h)(8) and Section 6(b)(8) of the Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Statement of Time Limits Adopted by the Court and Procedures for Implementing Them, Effective July 1, 1980), that the interests of justice--*i.e.*, in this case, to provide defendants additional time within which to file pretrial motions -- outweighs the best interests of the public and the defendant for a trial within seventy days of the return of an indictment.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that, pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. B3161(h)(8) and Section 6(b)(8) of the Plan for Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (Statement of Time Limits Adopted by the Court and Procedures for Implementing Them, Effective July 1, 1980), the Clerk of this Court enter excludable time, commencing March 25, 2004, and concluding May 25, 2004, the date of the Final Pretrial Conference as set

forth below.<sup>1</sup>

6. Based upon prior orders of the Court and orders entered contemporaneously herewith, all parties agree that, at the time of the Initial Status Conference, there were 14 days of Excludable Time under the Speedy Trial Act;

7. **A Final Status Conference has been scheduled for May 25, 2005, at 2L00 p.m. Counsel for the respective parties shall file a Joint Memorandum addressing the matters set forth in LR 166.5(C)(1) through (9) before the close of business no less than FIVE days prior to that Final Status Conference.**



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup>The parties are hereby advised that under the provisions of Rule 2(b) of the Rules for United States Magistrates in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, any party may move for reconsideration by a district judge of the determination(s) and order(s) set forth herein within ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this order, unless a different time is prescribed by this court or the district judge. The party seeking reconsideration shall file with the Clerk of this Court, and serve upon all parties, a written notice of the motion which shall specifically designate the order or part thereof to be reconsidered and the basis for the objection thereto. The district judge, upon timely motion, shall reconsider the magistrate's order and set aside any portion thereof found to be clearly erroneous in fact or contrary to law. The parties are further advised that the United States Court of Appeals for this Circuit has indicated that failure to comply with this rule shall preclude further appellate review. See Keating v. Secretary of Health and Human Services, 848 F.2d 271 (1st Cir. March 31, 1988); United States v. Emiliano Valencia-Copete, 792 F.2d 4 (1st Cir. 1986); Park Motor Mart, Inc. v. Ford Motor Co., 616 F.2d 603 (1st Cir. 1980); United States v. Vega, 678 F.2d 376, 378-379 (1st Cir. 1982); Scott v. Schweiker, 702 F.2d 13, 14 (1st Cir. 1983); see also, Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 106 S.Ct. 466 (1985).